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§ 31.01-15

31.40-40 Duration of Convention certificates—T/ALL.

31.40-45 American Bureau of Shipping—T/ALL.

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SOURCE: CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16662, Dec. 30, 1965, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart 31.01—General

§ 31.01-1 Inspections required—TB/ALL.

(a) Every tank vessel subject to the regulations in this subchapter shall be inspected biennially, annually, or more often, if necessary, by the Coast Guard to see that the hull, boilers, machinery, equipment, apparatus for storage, and appliances of the vessel comply with marine inspection laws, and the regulations in this subchapter, and when applicable, subchapters E, F, J, O, Q, S, and W of this chapter and 33 CFR parts 155 and 157.

(b) Tank vessels which are laid up, dismantled, and out of commission are exempt from inspections required by law or regulations in this subchapter, provided that such vessels are cleaned of all cargo residue and maintained in a gas free condition.

(c) For inspection and tests of tanks containing certain dangerous cargoes in bulk, see part 98 and subchapter O of this chapter.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16662, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGFR 70-10, 35 FR 3709, Feb. 25, 1970; CGD 80-009, 48 FR 36458, Aug. 11, 1983; CGD 79-023, 48 FR 51006, Nov. 4, 1983; CGD 84-069, 61 FR 25286, May 20, 1996; CGD 97-057, 62 FR 51043, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 31.01-3 Alternate compliance.

(a) In place of compliance with other applicable provisions of this subchapter, the owner or operator of a vessel subject to plan review and inspection under this subchapter for initial issuance or renewal of a Certificate of Inspection may comply with the Alternate Compliance Program provisions of part 8 of this chapter.

(b) For the purposes of this section, a list of authorized classification soci-

eties is available from Commandant (G-MSE). Approved classification society rules and supplements are contained in 46 CFR 8.110(b).

[CGD 95-010, 62 FR 67536, Dec. 24, 1997]

§ 31.01-5 Scope of initial inspection—TB/ALL.

The initial inspection, which may consist of a series of inspections during the construction of a vessel, shall include a complete inspection of the structure, including the outside of the vessel's bottom, the machinery, unfired pressure vessels, equipment and the inside and outside of the boilers. The inspection shall be such as to insure that the arrangements, material, and scantlings of the structure, boilers and other pressure vessels and their appurtenances, piping, main and auxiliary machinery, electrical installations, lifesaving appliances, fire-detecting and extinguishing equipment, pilot boarding equipment and other equipment fully comply with the applicable regulations for such vessel and are in accordance with approved plans, and determine that the vessel is in possession of a valid certificate issued by the Federal Communications Commission, if any. The inspection shall be such as to ensure that the workmanship of all parts of the vessel and its equipment is in all respects satisfactory and that the vessel is provided with lights, means of making sound signals, and distress signals as required by applicable statutes and regulations.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16662, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGFR 68-32, 33 FR 5712, Apr. 12, 1968; CGFR 68-82, 33 FR 18804, Dec. 18, 1968; CGD 82-036, 48 FR 654, Jan. 6, 1983; CGD 79-032, 49 FR 25455, June 21, 1984; CGD 95-012, 60 FR 48049, Sept. 18, 1995]

§ 31.01-10 Authority of marine inspectors—TB/ALL.

Inspectors may at any time lawfully inspect any tank vessel.

§ 31.01-15 Application for inspection—TB/ALL.

(a) Application in writing for the inspection incident to the issuance or reissuance of a certificate of inspection to every tank vessel required to be inspected by law and the regulations in this subchapter shall be made by the

master, owner, or agent to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, at any local marine inspection office, U.S. Coast Guard, where the vessel may be operated.

(b) The application should be on Form CG-3752, Application for Inspection of U.S. Vessel, which requires information on name and type of vessel, nature of employment and route in which to be operated, grade or type of cargo to be carried, place where and date when the vessel may be inspected, and that no other application has been made to any Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, since the issuance of the last valid certificate of inspection.

§31.01–20 Application for inspection of a new tank vessel or conversion of a vessel to a tank vessel—TB/ALL.

Prior to the commencement of the construction of any new tank vessel, or prior to the commencement of the conversion of any vessel to a tank vessel, application for the approval of contract plans and specifications and for a certificate of inspection shall be made in writing to the Coast Guard and no such construction or conversion shall be proceeded with until such approval is granted. (See § 31.10–1.)

Subpart 31.05—Certificates of Inspection

§31.05–1 Issuance of certificate of inspection—TB/ALL.

(a) When a tank vessel is found to comply with the regulations in this subchapter, and applicable provisions of subchapters E, F, J, O, Q, S, and W of this chapter and 33 CFR parts 155 and 157, a certificate of inspection will be issued to it, or to its owners, by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

(b) Certificates of inspection for tank vessels shall be similar in form to certificates issued to other cargo vessels, and in addition to the manning requirements and waters over which they may be operated, they shall be appropriately endorsed *Inspected and approved for the carriage of flammable or combustible liquids of Grade A, B, C, D, or E* (as the case may be), and such endorsement shall serve as a permit for such vessel to operate. The endorsement for the carriage of liquefied flam-

mable gases is set forth in § 38.01–5 of this subchapter.

(c) The certificate of inspection shall be delivered to the master or owner of the tank vessel to which it relates.

[CGFR 65–50, 30 FR 16662, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 73–96, 42 FR 49024, Sept. 26, 1977; CGD 79–023, 48 FR 51006, Nov. 4, 1983; CGD 84–069, 61 FR 25286, May 20, 1996]

§31.05–5 Posting the certificate of inspection—TB/ALL.

The certificate of inspection shall be framed under glass and posted in a conspicuous part of the vessel, except that where it is not practicable to so expose the certificate of inspection it shall be carried in the vessel in such manner as authorized by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

§31.05–10 Period of validity of certificate of inspection—TB/ALL.

(a) Certificates of inspection will be issued for periods of either 1 or 2 years.

(b) Application may be made by the master, owner, or agent for inspection and issuance of a new certificate of inspection at any time during the period of validity of the current certificate.

(c) Certificates of inspection may be revoked or suspended by the Coast Guard where such process is authorized by law. This may occur if the vessel does not meet the requirements of law or regulations in this chapter or if there is a failure to maintain the safety requirements requisite to the issuance of a certificate of inspection.

[CGFR 68–82, 33 FR 18804, Dec. 18, 1968, as amended by CGD 95–012, 60 FR 48049, Sept. 18, 1995]

§31.05–15 Certificate of inspection; terms; endorsements—TB/ALL.

The terms, endorsements and conditions set forth on a certificate of inspection shall have the same force and effect as the regulations contained in this subchapter.

Subpart 31.10—Inspections

§31.10–1 Recognized classification society—TB/ALL.

(a) In the inspection of hulls, boilers, and machinery, the current standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping and designated *Rules for*